REMARKS

Status of the claims

Claim 1, as herein amended, claim 16, as previously presented, and claims 2-15 and 17-33 as filed are pending in the application.

1. Rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. §112.

Claims 1-14, 21,32 and 41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim their invention. Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out this aspect of their pending claims, and have amended claim 1 consistent with the Examiner's suggestions.

Applicants respectfully contend that all grounds of rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 have been overcome by their amendments herein, and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw these rejections.

3. Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer that overcomes the asserted obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Claims 1-15 and 26-33 stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the claims of co-owned U.S. Patent Nos. 6,939,675; 6,521,409; 6,630,301 or 6,156,504. Applicants' previously-submitted Terminal Disclaimer contained a typographical error with regard to U.S. Patent No. 6,156,504. Applicants submit herewith a revised Terminal Disclaimer that overcomes this ground of rejection with respect to all the asserted co-owned U.S. Patents.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully contend that all grounds of rejection have been overcome, and the claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner in charge of this application believes it to be helpful, he is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at 312-913-0002.

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